

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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On and Off Ramps Close in Phase 2 Project Area

Construction crews made significant progress during the month of August. Traffic has been switched to the median so crews can begin paving and striping on the shoulders.

Due to work being done in the project area, all Mill Street northbound and southbound on and off ramps are currently closed. As part of a larger closure, the northbound off ramp is closed for approximately seven months and the southbound on and off ramps will be closed for approximately one year. For detour information, Caltrans has posted signs throughout the project area.

To allow contractors to work on drainage improvements and utility relocation, I Street will be closed from south of Oak Street to Esperanza Street through the month of September.

Monthly meetings continue between Caltrans, local merchants and emergency workers to address questions and concerns regarding construction. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Caltrans office at 655 West Second Street in San Bernardino at 9 a.m.

For planned lane and ramp closures within Phase 2, visit the Caltrans website at www.caltrans8.info. For the safety of you and the workers, please SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE and remember fines are doubled in a construction zone.

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS.**



Construction Crews "Stress" the 5th Street Bridge

During the month of August, crews added additional support to the 5th Street bridge by stretching tendons within the concrete on the southern side of the bridge—otherwise known as "stressing" a structure.

In addition, bridge approaches are being prepared so paving can begin next month to create a connector between surrounding streets and the 5th Street bridge.



Crews begin work on connectors between 5th Street bridge and surrounding streets.

September will be a busy month for construction crews. Nightly full freeway closures will be necessary on both September 3 and 11 so workers can remove the temporary bridge structure. Later in the month, the north and south sides of the bridge will be connected by pouring concrete to create one solid overpass.

Street improvements at 5th, H and J Streets also will continue in September and the coming months, with freeway and street closures issued as necessary.

SANBAG and Caltrans Prepare for Big Crowds

September and October are exciting months for the City of San Bernardino. Both the 19th Annual Stater Bros. Route 66 Rendezvous and Chaparral Motorsports' 22nd Annual Monster Block Sale brings hundreds of thousands of people from across the West Coast to San Bernardino. To ensure that access to these events are not interrupted, SANBAG and Caltrans will suspend major construction during the duration of the events.



Courtesy of the San Bernardino Convention and Visitors Bureau

Be sure to check out the I-215 Widening Project booth at the Route 66 Rendezvous event from September 18-21. Knowledgeable personnel will be available to answer questions about the construction project that spans the entire City of San Bernardino.

Don't forget! This year's Chaparral sale is being held on October 4 at Arrowhead Credit Union Park for a better display of products and improved parking availability.



The I-215 widening project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.

